

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 89

RELIEF FOR FARMERS TO REMOVE AGRICULTURAL DEBRIS DUE TO STATE OF EMERGENCY CAUSED BY TORNADOES

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2011, I issued Executive Order No. 87 declaring a state of emergency due to severe weather that impacted the State, including tornadoes, flooding and severe winds; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2011, I also issued Executive Order No. 88 suspending certain motor vehicle regulations; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the severe weather, many of our farms have accumulated debris that is interfering with the ability of farmers to tend to their crops; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly is considering adoption of legislation consistent with this Executive Order, and it is necessary to issue this Executive Order to ensure farmers get the relief they need without delay.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

Section 1. Piling of Debris for Removal

To facilitate the removal and disposal of debris on farmland caused by the severe weather on April 16, 2011, I hereby direct the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Correction, and local county officials, to assist local farmers in piling debris for removal.

Section 2. Appropriate Removal and Disposal of Debris

For purposes of Section 1, farmers should move debris to the edge of their property to facilitate removal. In the event removal to the edge of the property is impossible, farmers may dispose of the debris in an appropriate manner on the property, consistent with any applicable local ordinances and state laws or regulations. Farmers should coordinate with the N.C. Forestry Service and their local officials to determine if burning of debris is in any manner inconsistent with federal, state and local law.

Section 3. Review of Regulations by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is hereby directed to coordinate with local county officials to ensure compliance with open burning regulations and burial of debris regulations.

Section 4. Effect and Duration

This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days or the duration of the emergency, whichever is less.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.



Beverly Eaves Perdue
Governor

ATTEST:

Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State